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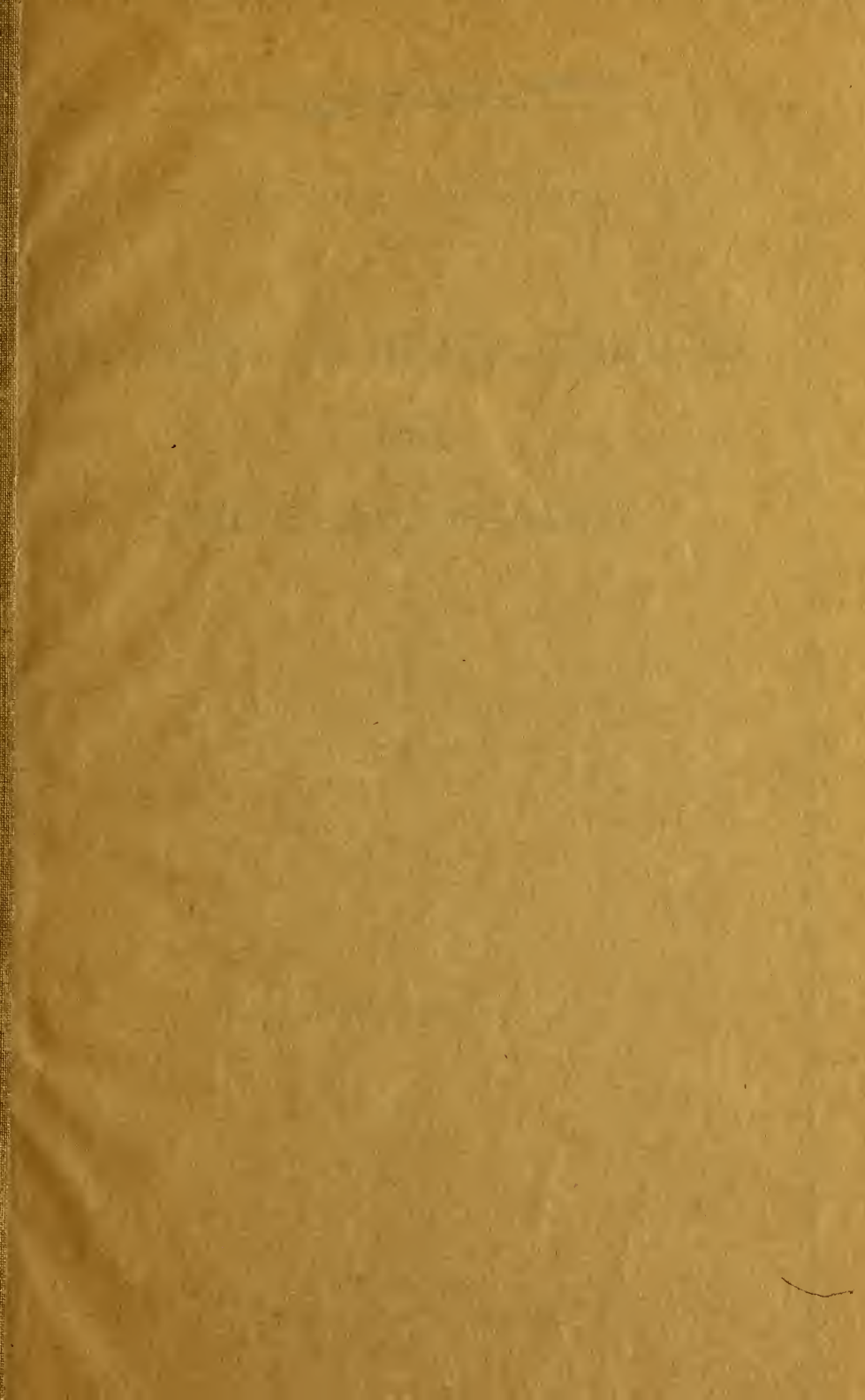
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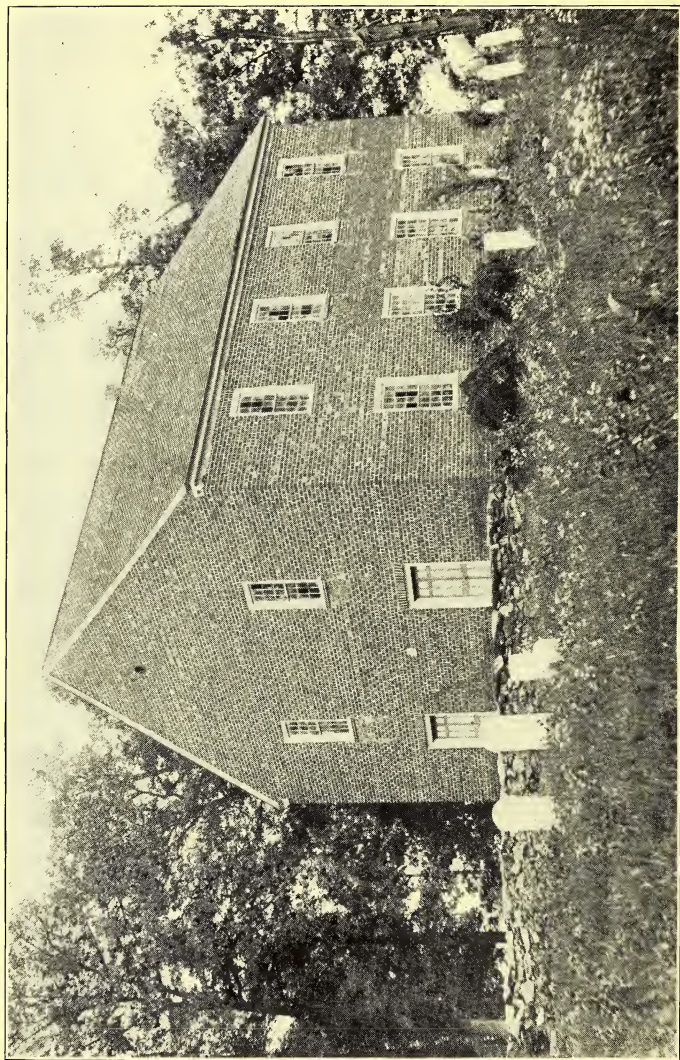
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BRICK REFORMED CHURCH, GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
ORGANIZED 1770

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Brick Reformed Church

GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

THE BEGINNING OF BRICK CHURCH runs back to the year 1745 when there came into this community in eastern Guilford county, North Carolina, two brothers of the Clapp family (Klapp) who had landed in this country in the year 1727. Settlement was made near Beaver Creek, and the church hence was sometimes known as the Beaver Creek church in its earliest days. A name more commonly applied to it was that of Der Klapp Kirche (the Clapp church) because of the faithful and continual efforts of the members of the Clapp family to establish a house of worship. It continued to be called the Clapp church until about the year 1813, hence bore this name for a period of say 73 years. Since the building of a brick house of worship which was done under the leadership of Rev. James R. Riley it has been known throughout the state as Brick church. It was re-modeled into its present shape in the year 1841. The first worship was on the grounds of what is now called Low's church one mile distant, and here the Reformed and Lutheran people conducted joint worship until each became strong enough to support its own church.

Brick church was regularly organized as a congregation in 1770 by Rev. Samuel Suther, a Swiss minister, and the first pastor of the charge. This is the same minister of whom Gov. William Tryon wrote in his journal on August 21, 1768, "Heard Mr. Luther, a Dutch minister, preach." The name Luther should be Suther, as there was no minister in that section by the name of Luther, and Suther was a well known preacher of the community.

In earlier days there also labored in this field Rev. James Martin and Rev. Richard Dupert.

Complete List of Pastors, Brick Church

Rev. Samuel Suther	1770-1781
Rev. John W. Bithahn	1786-1788
Rev. Andrew Loretz	1788-1800
Rev. Henry Diffenbach	1801-1807
Rev. Andrew Loretz	1808-1813
Rev. James R. Riley	1813-1814
Rev. John Rudy	1821-1825
Rev. John H. Crawford	1828-1840
Rev. George W. Welker	1841-1893
Rev. James D. Andrew	1893-1898
Rev. George A. Stauffer	1898-1902
Rev. Wm. S. Clapp	1904-1904
Rev. Paul Barringer	1904-1905
Rev. M. L. Klopfenstein	1905-1906
Rev. C. C. Wagoner	1907-1907
Rev. J. L. Bowers	1907-1911
Rev. D. C. Cox	1912-1914
Rev. Albert Klinger	1916-1920
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly	1920-1922
Rev. Wm. C. Shaw	1922-1923
Rev. W. H. Groff	1924-1924
Rev. Hoy Fesperman	1925-.....

Rev. Samuel Suther was born May 18, 1722, and came to America October 8, 1739. Taught in Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Carolina. In 1786 was in Mecklenburg county, N. C. He was ordained in Philadelphia, Pa. He died September 28, 1788.

In unmarked graves in Brick church cemetery sleep Rev. John W. Bithahn, and the following regulators: Tobias Clapp and Peter Goertner. In graves properly marked are these regulators: Capt. William Albright, Barney Clapp and Michael Schwenck. Here also well marked is the grave of George Cortner (Goertner) who was in his time a leader in the civic life of this part of Guilford county.

The annual classis of the Reformed church has met a Brick church as follows: 1831, 1835, 1844, 1848, 1852, 1856, 1860, 1872, 1876, 1880, and 1889. This is the most important ruling body of the Reformed denomination.

THE CLAPP FAMILY

Upon the coat of arms of the Clapp family we always find this motto, which is a French maxim:

Fais ce que du dois, advienne que pourra.

The meaning of this motto is,—“Do your duty, whatever comes.”

From a careful study of the records the following facts have been gathered concerning the Clapp (or Klapp) family of the Brick Church community in eastern Guilford county, North Carolina.

The ancestral home of these people was near the town of Bingen on the Rhine river in the upper part of the Palatinate region of eastern Germany.

George Valentine Clapp and his brother, John Ludwig Clapp, sailed from Rotterdam on the ship named “James Goodwill” in the year 1727, and landed in Philadelphia, Penn., on September 27, 1727. There were on this same ship 52 other people from the Palatinate region, and numbers of these were accompanied by their families.

George Valentine Clapp was born near Bingen on the Rhine May 24, 1702, and died October 12, 1773, in the Brick church community in his 72nd year. His funeral service was conducted by Rev. Samuel Suther, the first Reformed minister to come into this part of the state, and the same minister who was first pastor of what is now known as Brick church. George Valentine Clapp married while in Pennsylvania on his way to North Carolina, and his wife's maiden name was Mary Albright. It is a well established tradition that while still in Pennsylvania she dreamed of coming to North Carolina, and afterwards declared that the hill-side east of Brick church now a part of the cemetery was what she saw in her dream. Her remains now rest in that cemetery. Remaining in Pennsylvania some time after their marriage they finally came to North Carolina in 1745 with the early pioneers and chose this Beaver Creek section for their permanent home. They had twelve children, among them being Jacob, Ludwig, George, John, Barney, a Mrs. Ingle, and a Mrs. May; these seven are known, the names of the others are lost, either dying when young, or passing from record. A brother-in-law named Hunter came along from Pennsylvania but went on towards the Yadkin river for his future home. John Ludwig Clapp did not come with

them from Pennsylvania, but did reach North Carolina later and settled near them. John Ludwig Clapp's children were Jacob, Tobias, Charles, Barney, Ludwig, and Daniel. Both George Valentine Clapp, and his brother, John Ludwig Clapp, were active in the work of establishing a church which at first was often spoken of as the Church on Beaver Creek, or Der Klapp Kirche from the family name Clapp (Klapp) and in later times well known as Brick church.

Brick church is only three miles from the Battlefield of Alamance (May 16, 1771) and a son of George Valentine Clapp, George by name, was in that encounter. This George Clapp was born April 17, 1739 and died December 18, 1806. The records show that George Clapp walked all the long way back to Pennsylvania, and there married Elizabeth Albright, and made the return trip to North Carolina with his wife in a one horse wagon. This Elizabeth (Albright) Clapp was born May 15, 1746 and died November 2, 1839. Their children were Jacob, John, George, William, Elizabeth and Daniel.

We have the following records of the marriage of the children last named: Jacob married Eve Cortner; John married Catherine Foust; George married a Miss Albright; Daniel married Polly Holt.

Jacob and Eve (Cortner) Clapp had the following children: Mary who married Daniel Foust; Sarah who married Louis Boon; Gabriel who died in childhood; Joshua (Captain Joshua Clapp) who married Delilah Huffman first, and at her death Nancy Stockard.

The children of Daniel and Mary (Clapp) Foust were: Joshua, Levi, Henry, Sallie, Jacob, George, Simeon, Mary, Daniel, John, and Gideon. The children of Daniel and Catherine (Freeland) Foust, second wife, were: Joseph W. and Katherine.

The children of Louis Boon and Sarah (Clapp) Boon were: Daniel, Jacob, Joshua, Levi, Malinda, Louis, Matilda and Jacob.

Because of their present active interest in the work of Brick church and all good causes we are especially interested in the descendants of Captain Joshua and Delilah (Huffman) Clapp: their children are as follows: Jacob Crawford Clapp (Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.); George Washington Clapp; Simeon Riley Clapp; John Calvin Clapp (Dr. John C. Clapp); Henry Milton Clapp; Mary Parmelia Catherine Clapp; Daniel Welker Clapp.

From the second marriage of Captain Joshua Clapp there were

two children as follows: Captain Joshua and Nancy (Stockard) Clapp, parents of Sarah Jane Clapp, and William Clapp. It is interesting to note that this William Clapp was the founder of the Burlington News, and the Pilot Mountain News.

Jacob Clapp a son of George was born December 11, 1767 and died October 4, 1846. His wife was Eve Cortner who was born May 15, 1770 and died June 12, 1851. They first lived on the Ludwig Clapp farm near Brick church. In 1799 they purchased from John Smith a place on the Little Alamance known ever since as the Clapp Mill place long a community center, a milling center, the voting precinct, and a public gathering place for all their surrounding community. Here this early couple spent their days, and their descendants to the fifth and sixth generation are in this community. Much around this interesting spot has fallen into decay, but a book might be written of the days long since gone when this spot was the seat of an unbounded hospitality and a social life befitting the best families of the higher social order. Wealth and family pride and broad acres of fertile lands made the aristocracy of that day delight to gather upon this picturesque and beautiful spot. After being held for more than a century in the family it has in later years passed to Judge Spencer B. Adams who takes much pride in the traditions that linger around these broad acres, and the ancient Little Alamance stream.

In this community once flourished the Good Hope school, perhaps dating even a century back; later years brought into the community Whitsett Institute which became known throughout the state, and attracted thousands to its halls.

Nearby is the farm of George Huffman, father of Delilah Huffman. George was the son of John; John the son of Christian Huffman who was held a prisoner by Lord Cornwallis during the Battle of Guilford Courthouse (March 15, 1781). This Christian Huffman came to America when a boy, and was bound to a master to pay the passage money of his family.

George Huffman married Elizabeth Schaffner. Their children were: Hartwell; Oliver; Hillary; Delilah; Polly; Catherine; Millie; Harpine; Denton and Schaffner. In the year 1838 the family decided to seek a new location, and all moved to Carroll county in the state of Tennessee where many of their descendents are still to be found.

There were but three churches in eastern Guilford in these earlier days, Friedens Lutheran church and Low's Lutheran church for those of the Lutheran faith, and Brick Reformed church for those of the Reformed faith. All these local settlers had come at various periods from the Palatinate country around the Rhine river section, and by frequent intermarriages wove the ties of family and church life into firm bands. Without exaggeration it may be claimed for them that they were liberty-loving and God-fearing people. In the veins of several of these families flowed the blood of the best European strains, and without vain boasting some often traced their line from those who were recorded as among the nobility of the older countries.

Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Rev. Jacob Crawford Clapp was the best known member of this family that the state has yet known. He was a son of the late Capt. Joshua and Delilah (Huffman) Clapp, and was born at Clapp's Mill on Alamance creek near what was for a long time known as Alamance postoffice September 5, 1832. He passed through the preparatory department of Catawba college then at Newton, N. C., and graduated from Amherst college, Amherst, Mass., with the class of 1857 when he was 25 years old. Ursinus college of Pennsylvania conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him in later years. In 1858-1859 he taught near Alamance postoffice, his old home, and had as his pupils many of the best known young people from the best families of eastern Guilford. His school was called Good Hope and had fifty boarding pupils, in addition to the local patronage. After a year spent here he went to Bolton's, Mississippi, where he taught for some time. At this place on July 4, 1860 he was married to Miss Emma Lewis.

Returning to North Carolina, Dr. Jacob C. Clapp was ordained a minister of the Reformed church in 1865. He had for the five previous years, or since 1860, been professor of ancient languages in the college of his church, Catawba college, and in 1862 had been made president of the institution. He had a long and honorable service as president of Catawba college, in connection with which he held various pastorates of the churches of his denomination, and was widely known throughout the state as a lecturer, especially upon the subject of temperance which was a vital issue during his lifetime. He was the intimate and con-

fidential friend of Dr. George Wm. Welker and others of the strongest men of his denomination. Major S. M. Finger who was long associated with him in his educational work afterwards became state superintendent of education for North Carolina. In May 1900, after a long and continuous service as teacher and president Dr. Clapp resigned from the work of the college.

In 1908 the volume known as the "Historic Sketch of the Reformed Church in North Carolina" was issued with Dr. Jacob C. Clapp as editor-in-chief. This was the result of four years' work since the publication had been authorized in the meeting of the classis of North Carolina at a session held in High Point, in May 1904. Much of the earlier part of this book is based upon the researches of Dr. George Wm. Welker as published in Vol. VIII, pages 727, etc., etc., of the Colonial Records of North Carolina.

Dr. Jacob Crawford Clapp was a man of fine and commanding physique standing more than six feet high; broad shoulders, strong features and piercing eyes, dark and penetrating. In physical build, and in mental and moral equipment he was a born leader of men. His mind was well disciplined, his stores of knowledge were abundant, and he was fluent and convincing in speech. He had many of the finest qualities of the born orator. From wide travel, liberal education, and great interest in his fellow-men, he spent much thought as to how to direct humanity to its highest aims. Gifted in social qualities, and with an unfailing memory for names and faces, he won and held an unusually wide circle of friends.

In the pulpit and on the lecture platform he ranked with the ablest men of his time, and when it was known that he was to speak it might be safely said that every seat would be filled. The Reformed church in North Carolina has never had a minister who surpassed him in all the higher qualities, and very few, indeed, would claim that he has had many equals. His fraternal spirit gave him much influence with other denominations, and his type of Christianity was sufficiently broad to enable him to always be at home in any Christian circle. He was the idol of his friends and admirers, and this was the result of qualities almost ideal for such work as his.

His long connection with Catawba college where he trained many of the ministers for his church kept him in intimate touch with every movement of his times. His first graduating class

there in 1889 consisted of Rev. Jacob C. Leonard, D. D., Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., and Dr. M. A. Foil, and from year to year during his long connection with educational work the list was ever growing. His influence in his church classis was unbounded, and its ministers delighted to follow where he pointed the way.

The long and notable life work of Dr. Jacob Crawford Clapp as teacher, minister, college president, lecturer and Christian gentleman without reproach was such as to build for him an everlasting monument in the hearts and lives and characters of those who came under his touch, and to leave to every member of the widely-connected Clapp family pride that one of their number has made for himself such an enduring place in the annals of North Carolina.

Prepared for college in the south, and graduating in the north before the storm of the civil war broke, he was fitted to see with eyes of a statesman, with a liberality that was all too rare in those trying times. It is a matter of great regret that no one has as yet written the story of his life; it would be an inspiration to the young men of any day, and some one, it is hoped, will soon prepare such a volume. As a master workman he has finished his course on earth, but his works will live after him through all time.

Benjamin Delos Clapp

On June 28, 1914, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia. The terrible events of 1914 still so fresh in all our minds followed, until soon nine of the leading nations of earth were at war, and the world war was raging. The world's interest was centered on Austria-Hungary, Servia, Russia, Germany, England, Montenegro, France, Japan and the attempted neutrality of the United States. On August 4th President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that we would remain neutral. We all remember that this proved to be an impossibility, and that we were drawn into the dreadful conflict, horrible beyond words to describe.

Every community in all these United States now has its story to tell of sacrifice, of heroism, and of grief beyond words, because of this dreadful world war.

The Clapp family was called upon to pay a fearful toll to the demon of war.

Over yonder at Whitsett, only one mile from the old Clapp's Mill the ancestral home of his grandfather lived a young man who

was as true, as faithful, as helpful as ever blessed any community. Nothing was too much trouble for him to do if it helped his friends. He lived the Bible injunction "Honor thy father and thy mother." Day by day he went quietly about his business as a merchant, loved by all, and trusted by everybody.

The call to arms was on the country. The hand of our great government reached out, and touched him, and said to him, "My son, the hour has struck when I must have your services; liberty is in danger; humanity calls for every sacrifice; come enter the service of your country." Without complaint or resistance he went; he crossed the ocean as so many thousands of others did; he set foot upon a foreign soil with the Stars and Stripes floating over him. He took up his round of duties. Day by day passed, while friends, and family sent up a prayer to God that the brave boy, and the loving son might be spared to return to his country, and to his loved ones.

Finally on September 23, 1918, a letter reached his parents. It was dated September 21, 1918 and was written by Captain Edwin C. Feigenspan who was captain of the 104th ammunition train of the American expeditionary force. The letter was from Camp De Mencon in France. It stated that the brave boy who wore the identification number of 1,173,444 had died on September 21, 1918 in Camp De Mencon. That boy was Benjamin Delos Clapp, a son by every tie of inheritance of historic Brick church. His young life with all his hopes, his dreams and his aspirations he laid as a tender, loving offering upon the altar of his country.

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!
When spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallowed mold,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.
By fairy hands their knell is rung,
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There honor comes, a pilgrim gray,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay,
And Freedom shall awhile repair,
To dwell, a weeping hermit, there!"

WILLIAM COLLINS, 1746.

It is but proper that today we pause to drop a tear for those who like Benjamin Delos Clapp, dear friend of many of us, braved a veritable hell of strife and war and blood on distant fields across the seas that peace might finally arise like a sun from the darkness of war.

“None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise.”

Four noble metal Corinthian columns stand in front of the Whitsett school building as a memorial from his family to this splendid young man.

Census of 1790

Much valuable historical information may be gathered from the first federal census taken by the government in 1790. The following facts as to the Clapp family are taken from this source.

We find in Guilford county (created in 1770 from parts of Rowan and Orange counties) the following representatives of the Clapp family:

Jacob Clapp with a family of four males over sixteen, two under sixteen, and four females, together with three slaves.

Tobias Clapp himself, and two female members of his family.

George Clapp himself, and grown son, three boys under sixteen, three females, and five slaves.

Ludwig Clapp, Sr., with one grown son, three sons under sixteen, three females, and one slave.

Phillip Clapp with one grown son, wife and one daughter, and five slaves.

Valentine Clapp (the younger) with one grown son, wife, and two daughters.

In Randolph county lives John Clapp with his wife and two daughters.

In St. Asaph's district lived Barney Clapp who was the owner of 170 acres of land at that place.

It is evident that this family was prosperous, and that they were large land and slave owners from the earliest times, as may be easily verified from the various family records.

North Carolina Colonial Records

From the valuable North Carolina Colonial Records we find in Vol. 7 the following members of the Clapp family described as members of the Regulators, being those who united to oppose the oppressive measures of Governor William Tryon.

George Clapp, John Clapp, Tobias Clapp, and Ludwig Clapp.

In Vol. 8 we find the following additional members of the Regulators from the Clapp family:

Barney Clapp, and Tobias Clapp.

Others mentioned in the Colonial Records are: Stephen Clapp, Col. D. Clapp, Daniel Clapp, Ludwig Clapp, and John Philip Clapp.

Rev. Samuel Suther

Some time ago the original records of Clapp's church (now Brick church) as kept by Rev. Samuel Suther the first pastor from 1770 to 1781 were found written in the original German, and a translation of them has given us many long-lost facts as to the Clapp family which are extremely valuable as being an original historical source of information.

Rich in History

These ancient church records of Der Klapp Kirche, the Clapp church, and later known as Brick church contain scores of entries of this Clapp family, as sponserers at baptisms, as parties in marriages, at births, at deaths, and at all the services usual in the early churches.

Those who began these old records for the church were rendering a service that can only be appreciated by those who know the difficulty often found in tracing historical matters to their original source. So often, no records are kept, and so often they are allowed to be misplaced, or lost. Some time, doubtless, a way will be found to have all this mass of material put into print where it will become more widely available than it can be in its present shape. It will be found valuable for the Clapp family also for many other families who are connected with this line by marriage.

Growth in Civilization

Allow us to close this sketch with a striking quotation from Dr. Robert Hall (1764-1831) a great English pulpit orator, and a

writer whose works still command careful study and thought:

"Families are so many centers of attraction, which preserve mankind from being scattered and dissipated by the repulsive powers of selfishness. The order of nature is ever from particulars to generals.

"As in the operations of intellect we proceed from the contemplation of individuals to the formation of general abstractions, so in the development of the passions, in like manner, we advance from private to public affections; from the love of parents, brothers, and sisters, to those more expanded regards which embrace the immense society of human kind."

CAPTAIN JOSHUA CLAPP'S ANCESTRY

Captain Joshua Clapp who was born September 5, 1806 and died December 1, 1892 was the son of Jacob Clapp who was born December 11, 1767 and whose wife was Eve Cortner to whom he was married January 17, 1790. This Eve Cortner was the daughter of George Cortner (1738-1819) who once lived in Rowan and Surry counties, later moving to the south of Rock Creek in Guilford county where he was long known as a teacher, magistrate, and unflinching patriot. He was a delegate from Guilford county to the meeting held at Hillsboro, N. C. on August 21, 1775. (See Wheeler's History, Vol. 2, p. 170).

Jacob Clapp was the son of George Clapp, born April 17, 1739, died December 18, 1806, and his wife Elizabeth Albright Clapp, born May 15, 1748, died November 2, 1839, to whom he was married in Pennsylvania, July 4, 1766.

George Clapp was a son of George Valentine Clapp, born near Bingen on the Rhine, Germany, May 24, 1702, died at Brick Church, October 12, 1773. He landed at Philadelphia, Pa. September 27, 1727, married Mary Albright in Pennsylvania, and settled on Beaver Creek near Brick Church in 1745.

Hence, George Valentine Clapp the original German emigrant to this section was the great-grandfather of Captain Joshua Clapp.

For George Clapp's Revolutionary War record see N. C. Col. Records, Vol. 7, p. 737, also Vol. 8, pp. 727-737. He was a Regulator and fought at Battle of Alamance, May 16, 1771.

CAPTAIN JOSHUA CLAPP'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS

MARY CLAPP (November 22, 1790-January 30, 1834) married Daniel Foust (October 13, 1788-February 28, 1882). She was a daughter of Jacob and Eve (Cortner) Clapp.

SARAH (SALLIE) CLAPP, born December 20, 1792, married Louis Boon.

GABRIEL CLAPP, born February 4, 1795, died August 4, 1797

CAPTAIN JOSHUA CLAPP'S DESCENDENTS

Captain Joshua Clapp married Delilah Huffman January 27, 1830. She was born March 8, 1812, died October 6, 1848. Their children were: Jacob Crawford, George Washington, Simeon Riley, John Calvin, Henry Milton, Mary Parmelia, and Daniel Welker.

His second wife was Nancy C. Stockard to whom he was married April 12, 1849. She was born August 3, 1820, died March 21, 1909. Their children were: Sarah Jane and William F.

REV. JACOB CRAWFORD CLAPP'S FAMILY

Jacob Crawford Clapp (September 5, 1832-July 2, 1910) married Emma Lewis July 4, 1860. She was born October 1, 1842, died July 17, 1911. 11 children.

1. LEWIS CLAPP (May 16, 1861-April 20, 1862).
2. CAROL CLAPP. Born August 15, 1862, married Dora Moose, March 15, 1893. She was born August 31, 1868. 1 child, Sarah Lewis, born October 19, 1893.
3. EMMA LEWIS CLAPP. Born June 2, 1864, married Prof. Wm. Haven Thompson, May 24, 1892. He was born August 9, 1859. 5 children: Wm. Haven, Jr., born April 24, 1893, married Hazel Allen, June 27, 1925; Charles Crawford, born September 23, 1894, married Ruth Emerson, December 26, 1924; Ruth Frances, born September 21, 1896; Dorothy Lewis, born January 10, 1899, married Dana Higgins, May 10, 1924; and Marjone Emma, born June 28, 1901.
4. MILTON CLAPP. Born January 20, 1866, married Mamie Folger April 27, 1897, who was born October 19, 1871, died

March 15, 1925. 3 children: Bradley (March 4, 1898-July 4, 1899); Barbara Lewis, born January 17, 1900; and Milton, Jr., born June 4, 1906.

5. REV. ERNEST CLAPP, D. D. Born December 11, 1867, married Julia Hunter Brinkerhoff April 27, 1898; she was born February 11, 1868. 3 children: Elizabeth Van Wyck, born December 5, 1901; Lewis Crawford, born January 9, 1903; and Theodore Brinkerhoff, born January 9, 1905.

6. CRAWFORD CLAPP. Born December 13, 1869, married Gussie Shuford July 25, 1893. She was born August 29, 1867, died May 19, 1897. Married, 2nd to Carrie West Poole June 28, 1900. She was born February 15, 1874. 2 children: William Jacob, born September 27, 1903, and Nellie West, born August 2, 1908.

7. CLARENCE CLAPP. Born February 7, 1873, married S. Vivian Patterson, November 26, 1896. She was born September 28, 1875. 2 children: Clarence, Jr., born September 10, 1905, and Frank Lewis, born September 12, 1909.

8. ROLAND CLAPP (February 1, 1875-February 2, 1875).

9. ANNIE LOCKE CLAPP. Born February 21, 1877, married Prof. William D. Burns, June 10, 1902. He was born, September 30, 1868. 3 children: Mary Moffett, born May 31, 1908, William J. C., born September 5, 1910, and Robert Otway, born March 15, 1913.

10. EDWARD CLAPP (July 7, 1878-July 9, 1878).

11. ROBERT EARLE CLAPP. Born July 10, 1879, married Bessie M. Hargett, October 30, 1907. She was born July 20, 1882. 2 children: Robert Earle, born April 28, 1910, and Robert Douglas (October 14, 1908-November 12, 1908).

GEORGE WASHINGTON CLAPP'S FAMILY

George Washington Clapp, born August 18, 1834, died December 6, 1906. Married Martha Elizabeth Rightsel, March 17, 1857. She was born November 12, 1835, died January 6, 1896. Her father was William Rightsel, son of Michael Rightsel, grandson of Adam Rightsel. Her mother was Polly Clapp, daughter

of Jacob Clapp, who was a son of George Valentine Clapp.

9 children:

1. CHARLES T. M. CLAPP. Born September 6, 1857, married Myra T. Barnhardt December 8, 1880. She was born January 15, 1867. Her father was Levi Barnhardt, son of Henry and Nellie (Linn) Barnhardt; her mother was Harriet (Low) Barnhardt, daughter of John and Nellie Low.

Their 10 Children:

HENRY LESLIE CLAPP (August 24, 1881-May 18, 1903).

MINNIE P. CLAPP.

AGNES M. CLAPP, married Geo. H. Parker. 2 children: Geo. H. Jr., and Mary Elizabeth.

JUNIUS W. CLAPP, married Maud Millikin.

BENJAMIN DELOS CLAPP (September 10, 1887-September 21, 1918).

EMMA L. CLAPP, married Walter E. Williams, 7 children: Walter Edward, Jr., Edna Fay, Alice Myra, Charles Omer, Paul Cooper, James Alvin, and Lillian Rogene.

ELIZABETH VIVIAN CLAPP, married William Ennis Rowland, 2 children: William E. Jr., and Thomas Clapp.

HERMAN MASON CLAPP, married Mary Peeler, 2 children: Bettie and Dorothy.

AVA M. CLAPP.

EUNICE V. CLAPP, married Robert Lee Boring, 1 child: Robert Lee Boring, Jr., (May 31, 1921-June 2, 1925).

2. MARY DELILAH CLAPP.

3. WILLIAM MICHAEL CLAPP, married 1st Minnie Fitzgerald, 5 children: Norman, married Bessie Dixon; Vivian, married William McIntosh; Wilma, married R. J. Strathen; Frederick; Mildred, married W. H. Breethauer. Married 2nd Myrtle Klapp, 2 children: Byron, Frances.

4. D. EDWARD CLAPP, married Lillian Montgomery, 3 children: Marvin, Willard, Clara.

5. GURNEY GRANT CLAPP, married Mattie White, January 5, 1905, 1 child: Gurney Grant, Jr., (Deceased).

6. CLARENCE EUGENE CLAPP. (Deceased).

7. NETTIE JANE CLAPP. (Deceased).

8. CARL JESSE CLAPP, married Frances Legerton, 2 children: Lawrence, Frances Elizabeth.
9. GEORGIA ELIZABETH CLAPP.

SIMEON RILEY CLAPP

Born April 21, 1836, died September 9, 1889.

DR. JOHN CALVIN CLAPP'S FAMILY

John Calvin Clapp (March 2, 1838-October 17, 1910), married Nellie Brownfield (July 24, 1854-September 7, 1922). 2 children:

1. ERNEST CLAPP. Born January 21, 1878, married, 1st. Kate Bradshaw, June 29, 1904, 1 child: Ernest, Jr.
Married, 2nd., Mary Gravley, January 22, 1908, 1 child: Mary Gravley.
2. ADA BROWNFIELD CLAPP. Born August 1, 1882, married Robert Elroy Buck, July 8, 1902, 2 children: Robert Elroy, Jr., and Harold Tilton.

HENRY MILTON CLAPP

Born April 6, 1840, died August 29, 1861.

MARY PARMELIA CLAPP

Born April 2, 1843, died September 14, 1879.

DANIEL WELKER CLAPP

Born May 23, 1844, died May 5, 1863.

SARAH JANE CLAPP

Born October 23, 1850, died August 16, 1877. Married A. Lafayette Stratford May 25, 1876, 1 child: Charlie, died August 17, 1878.

WILLIAM F. CLAPP'S FAMILY

William F. Clapp (October 24, 1854-January 17, 1890) married Mattie J. Boone January 19, 1876, 4 children:

1. CARRIE BERTHA, born February 23, 1877, married Edgar A. Long February 22, 1910, 1 child: Norris Craig.
2. ELLA CRAIG, born July 21, 1878, married Floyd J. Hammer December 24, 1899, 1 child: Robert Neil.
3. WILLIAM SCOTT, born November 18, 1880, married Zella Haiden May 20, 1905, 2 children: Carrie Haiden, Henry Clay.
4. CLYDE NORRIS, born August 6, 1883, married Erma Goodman, May 21, 1910, 5 children: William Frederick, Mary Elizabeth, Ruth Virginia, Clyde Norris, Helen Frances.

JOHN GEORGE CLAPP'S ANCESTRY

John George Clapp ("Robertson George Clapp") was born November 2, 1807, and died January 21, 1892. His wife was Elizabeth Robertson, born November 22, 1802, and died November 16, 1884. They were married November 11, 1828. Elizabeth Robertson's parents were Nathaniel and Eva (Schoffner) Robertson.

John George Clapp was a son of John Clapp, born January 7, 1772, died July 9, 1866, and wife Katherine (Foust) Clapp, born January 27, 1783, died December 2, 1866. They were married May 16, 1799.

John Clapp was a son of George Clapp, born April 17, 1739, died December 18, 1806, and wife Elizabeth (Albright) Clapp, born May 15, 1748, died November 2, 1839. They were married July 4, 1766.

George Clapp was a son of George Valentine Clapp original German emigrant to this section from the Palatinate region of the Rhine river. George came to North Carolina with his father in 1745, and fought as a private at Battle of Alamance. See N. C. Col. Records, Vol. 7, p. 737, Col. 3, 9th name. Also Vol. 8, pp. 727-737. For account of his patriotic services in Revolutionary War, see Certificate from N. C. Historical Commission.

JOHN GEORGE CLAPP'S DESCENDENTS

John George Clapp ("Robertson George Clapp") and Elizabeth Robertson Clapp had 7 children as follows: Alphonso Giles, Elvira, Cledora Teresa, Flavius Zwinglius, Maria Albertine, Louise Augusta, and John Elihu.

ALPHONSO GILES CLAPP'S FAMILY

Alphonso Giles Clapp, born October 7, 1829, died July 26, 1906, married Margaret Damaris Ingle, born July 16, 1835, died August 11, 1908. She was a daughter of David Ingle, son of Barney Ingle (Rev. War hero) and Polly Tickle Ingle, daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Huffines) Tickle, and grand-daughter of Peter Tickle and Mary (Cortner) Tickle who came to North Carolina from Pennsylvania in 1750.

Their 10 children:

1. MARIETTA LIZELLA CLAPP. Born July 20, 1861, married 1st. Perry Lindo Shepherd on November 6, 1878. He was born November 7, 1855, died September 14, 1885. Their 4 children:

ESPIE BLANCHE, married William V. Forbis, 2 children: Shepherd (Deceased) and Lindon.

ORA LEE, married Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins, 2 children: Ora Lee, and Wm. A. Jr.

MARIETTA, married J. Lander Gray, 2 children: Mary Shepherd, and J. Lander, Jr.

EUGENE VERNON (Deceased).

Married second, Alfred Francis Greeson on December 25, 1887. He was born June 27, 1860. Eight children:

MATTIE, married W. R. Hicks, six children: Elizabeth, Julia, W. R. Jr., Frank, Martha Willis, and Espie.

FLOYD BLAIR, married Lucy Henries, five children: Floyd B. Jr., Cleo, Carl Meadows, Lucy May, and Ola.

FERRY CLAPP.

MARGARET T., married first, John Marion Galloway, two children: Margaret Haviland, and Marion.

Married second, Dr. Dennis F. Keel.

RUTH married Charles L. Carroll, one child: Chas. L. Jr.

MAUD married D. Fair Crews.

WINNIE married L. Ellis Allen, one child: L. Ellis, Jr.

JEWEL.

2. ANNA EUDORA CLAPP. Born June 26, 1862, died March 29, 1923, married Albert Macon Shepherd November 10, 1889, seven children:

IOLA ROBERTA married Fred C. Crenshaw, one child: Albert Newton.

NORVELLA married E. J. Watson, three children: Anna Elizabeth, Elmer Shepherd, and Nancy Ruth.

EDWIN JAY married Myrtle Mowrer, two children: Edwin Jay, Jr., and Edith Glenn.

MALCOLM LAUCLIN.

CHARLES BROWER (Deceased)

ALBION.

ALBERT MACON (Deceased).

3. OLIVE KETURAH CLAPP (Deceased).

4. MARIA LEE (BOBBIE) CLAPP, married Andrew Beal November 17, 1906. He died November 28, 1914.

5. SARAH E. (JIMMIE) CLAPP, married Henry A. Johnson, eight children:

MARVIN PELL married Isla Causey, two children: Marvin, Jr., and Sarah Woodburn.

PEARL married J. P. Huffman, three children: Patterson (December 11, 1918-March 22, 1924), Louena, and Joel Johnson.

PERCY CICERO married Margaret Lee Pearson (April 21, 1896-December 11, 1910), one child: Margaret Lee.

CLETUS (April 21, 1896-December 11, 1910).

THULA married John Harvey Muse, one child: Elise.

IVEL.

ALPHONZO VERNET.

MACY.

6. MARGARET DAMARIS CLAPP, married T. M. Benoy, three children: Violet Lee (deceased), Margie, married Henry T. Godwin, and Mary Stanly.

7. GEORGE ALBION CLAPP. Born September 9, 1870, died September 27, 1903.

8. DANIEL P. CLAPP.

9. CICERO PENICK CLAPP.

10. DAISY VIOLET CLAPP.

ELVIRA LODOISCA CLAPP'S FAMILY

Elvira L. Clapp (August 30, 1831-February 11, 1915) was married to Caleb L. Boone May 26, 1863. He was born December 14, 1820, died October 12, 1897. Their six children are: Cleodora S., George V., Zula A., Lorena V., Florence E., and Edwin E. The families of these are:

1. CLEODORA S. BOONE married B. C. Troxler, September 28, 1882. Their nine children are: Dr. William E., Leslie C., Porter C., Robert G., Blanche, Mayo, Shail, Swannie, and Hubert.
2. GEORGE V. BOONE married Nannie Jobe (nee Aiken) February 27, 1896. Their six children are: Myrtle, Mable, Irene, Carrie, Pauline, and Robert.
3. ZULA A. BOONE married J. R. Wall, May 17, 1916.
4. LORENA V. BOONE married first, D. L. Summers, April 29, 1891. Their seven children are: Ida, Marie, Hattie, Maud, Edwin, Paul and Mack.
Married second, W. R. Zimmerman.
5. FLORENCE E. BOONE married J. S. Ferguson, April 7, 1901. Six children: Florence E., McL. R., Norris, Benjamin, Edison, and Joseph.
6. EDWIN E. BOONE married Elizabeth Fogleman, June 14, 1917. Two children: Julia Elizabeth and Edwin Eugene, Jr.

CLEODORA TERISSA CLAPP'S FAMILY

Cleodora T. Clapp (February 21, 1835-March 29, 1919) married Daniel P. Foust (October 25, 1827-July 20, 1911).

FLAVIUS ZWINGLIUS CLAPP'S FAMILY

Flavius Zwinglius Clapp (April 19, 1837-January 9, 1915) married Louisa Jane Clapp October 27, 1860. She was a daughter of John Jephunnah and Emily (Shoffner) Clapp, and granddaughter of Michael and Sallie (Fogleman) Shoffner. Their six children:

1. ERNESTINE CLAPP married first, Jacob Huffines, second Presley Dick.
2. MICHAEL ELIHU CLAPP married Ella Shepherd. Their twelve children: George David, Anthea Lenora, Annie Elizabeth,

Ida Cleodora, Daisy Ellen, Mary Malinda, Flavius Elihu, Sampson Madison, Adam, Joy Myrtle Mae, Lillian Mabel, and Abraham Lincoln.

3. Z. LEONIDUS CLAPP married Emma May, children: Currie, Harland, Clarence and Dwight.
4. ELIZABETH CLAPP married R. L. Clapp.
5. TINSLEY TIDBALL CLAPP.
6. MARY CLAPP married D. P. Shoffner, four children: Kendall, Alton, Terrell, and Millard.

ALBERTINE MARIA CLAPP'S FAMILY

Albertine Maria Clapp (August 13, 1840-November 25, 1885) married George M. R. Clapp.

LOUISA AUGUSTA CLAPP'S FAMILY

Louisa Augusta Clapp (November 13, 1842-January 9, 1922) married Peter Michael.

JOHN ELIHU CLAPP'S FAMILY

John E. Clapp (March 3, 1845-October 19, 1917) married Barbara Harriet Clapp (April 17, 1849-January 1, 1918). She was a daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Rinehart) Clapp, two children:

EUGENIA married Arthur Simmons.

ESPIE married Robert A. Coble.

JOHN ALSON CLAPP'S FAMILY

John Alson Clapp, born June 16, 1884, married Ada Lillian Smith, born August 27, 1885.

His parents were John Pleasant Clapp (September 30, 1852-December 10, 1883) and Mary Alice (Coble) Clapp.

His grand-parents were Daniel F. Clapp (December 16, 1816-June 17, 1885) and Sallie (Foust) Clapp, born December 18, 1818.

Eleven children:

Ben Thurston, Alice Annie, William Arnton, Carl Richard, Ruby Irene, Luther Coble, Amy Lucille, Martha Florence, Vance Lee, Nellie Vann, and Francis Lillian.

DANIEL WILBERT CLAPP

D. Wilbert Clapp, born December 24, 1850 a son of Daniel F. and Sallie (Foust) Clapp, married Mary J. Barnhardt, a daughter of Henry Barnhardt.

JACOB D. CLAPP

Jacob D. Clapp, born October 24, 1870, son of Israel N. and Bettie (Cobb) Clapp, married M. Ivetus Cobb, December 25, 1906.

CALEB AUGUSTUS CLAPP'S FAMILY

Caleb Augustus Clapp was born October 3, 1860, married Loula Sockwell. His parents, Asa and Lavina (Flack) Clapp; grand-parents Jacob and Rosina (Summers) Clapp. His wife was a daughter of David Rankin and Mary Ann (Wilson) Sockwell; grand-daughter of Robert and Matilda (Thomas) Sockwell. C. A. Clapp's brothers and sisters are: William A., James M., Sarah C., Margaret A., and Jacob L. Clapp.

Five children:

1. EDGAR RANKIN CLAPP married Anne Boyer Albertson, May 28, 1913, two children: Phyllis Anne Clapp, Gretchen Albertson Clapp.
2. CLARA CLAPP.
3. BESSIE IRENE CLAPP.
4. NELL LEE CLAPP.
5. LUCY BLANCHE CLAPP married Oscar Norman White, September 5, 1924.

BINGEN ON THE RHINE

Caroline E. Norton

A soldier of the Legion lay dying in Algiers,
There was lack of woman's nursing, there was dearth of woman's
tears;

But a comrade stood beside him, while his life-blood ebbed away,
And bent, with pitying glances, to hear what he might say.
The dying soldier faltered, as he took that comrade's hand,
And he said, "I never more shall see my own, my native land;
Take a message, and a token, to some distant friends of mine,
For I was born at Bingen—at Bingen on the Rhine.

"Tell my brothers and companions, when they meet and crowd
around

To hear my mournful story in the pleasant vineyard ground,
That we fought the battle bravely; and, when the day was done,
Full many a corse lay, ghastly pale, beneath the setting sun;
And midst the dead and dying were some grown old in wars,
The death wound on their gallant breasts, the last of many scars;
But some were young, and suddenly beheld life's morn decline
And one had come from Bingen—fair Bingen on the Rhine.

"Tell my mother that her other sons shall comfort her old age,
That I was aye a truant bird, that thought his home a cage;
For my father was a soldier, and even as a child
My heart leaped forth to hear him tell of struggles fierce and wild;
And when he died, and left us to divide his scanty hoard,
I let them take whate'er they would but kept my father's sword,
And with boyish love I hung it where the bright light used to
shine

On the cottage-wall at Bingen—calm Bingen on the Rhine.

"Tell my sister not to weep for me, and sob with drooping head,
When the troops come marching home again, with glad and
gallant tread;

But to look upon them proudly, with a calm and steadfast eye,
For her brother was a soldier too, and not afraid to die;
And, if a comrade seek her love, I ask her in my name
To listen to him kindly, without regret or shame;
And to hang the old sword in its place (my father's sword and
mine),

For the honor of old Bingen—dear Bingen on the Rhine.

“There’s another, not a sister; in the happy days gone by,
You’d have known her by the merriment that sparkled in her eye;
Too innocent for coquetry,—too fond for idle scorning,—
Oh, friend, I fear the lightest heart makes sometimes heaviest
mourning.

Tell her the last night of my life (for ere the moon be risen,
My body will be out of pain—my soul be out of prison),
I dreamed I stood with her, and saw the yellow sunlight shine
On the vine-clad hills of Bingen—fair Bingen on the Rhine.

“I saw the blue Rhine sweep along—I heard, or seemed to hear,
The German songs we used to sing, in chorus sweet and clear
And down the pleasant river, and up the slanting hill,
The echoing chorus sounded, through the evening calm and still;
And her glad blue eyes were on me, as we passed, with friendly
talk,

Down many a path beloved of yore, and well remembered walk,
And her little hand lay lightly, confidently in mine:
But we’ll meet no more at Bingen—loved Bingen on the Rhine.”

His voice grew faint and hoarser,—his grasp was childish weak,—
His eyes put on a dying look,—he sighed and ceased to speak.
His comrade bent to lift him, but the spark of life had fled,
The soldier of the Legion, in a foreign land—was dead.
And the soft moon rose up slowly, and calmly she looked down
On the red sand of the battle-field, with bloody corpses strown;
Yes, calmly on that dreadful scene, her pale light seemed to shine
As it shone on distant Bingen—fair Bingen on the Rhine.

(The above poem because of its reference to Bingen on the
Rhine which is the ancestral home of the Clapp (Klapp) family
is a favorite selection with members of this family).



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ANNUAL MEETING

At Brick Church, in eastern Guilford County, North Carolina, the First Wednesday in September of each year—10:30 A. M.

All members of the family, and all interested friends, are invited to attend the annual meetings, and to forward from time to time all historical data they may have concerning the family history to the Historian of the organization.

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